Cochin Legislative Council Members' Exemption Bill.

Mr. C. A Kunjunni Raja.—Sir, I move that the Cochin Legislative Council Members' Exemption Bill be taken up and passed. The consideration of this Bill was finished in the last Council. For want of time the final reading had to be put off to this Council. This Bill is only an adaptation of Act XXIII of 1925 of the Governor-General-in-Council. The object of the Bill is only to exempt the Members of this Council from being arrested while they are doing Council work. With these words I move that this Bill may be passed.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—I second it.

President.—Any one to oppose the Bill?

(*The motion that the Bill may be taken up and passed was put and agreed to.*)

The Cochin Tenancy Regulation Amendment Bill.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—By this motion, I am to formally name the Members of the Select Committee. I think I ought to explain to this Council the events which led to this Bill being detained so long in the last Council. After the passing of the Cochin Tenancy Regulation II of 1090, the Government was getting complaints both from the landlords and the tenants, pointing out that the Regulation requires amendments in various particulars. The Government kept quiet for 5 long years, and in the meantime the Chief Court of Cochin also began to give expression to their views in several reported judgments, that the Regulation requires immediate amendments. During the time of Diwan Mr. (now Sir) Vijayaraghavachari opinions were invited from the Chief Court, the District Judges, the Additional Judges and the Bar Associations of Ernakulam and Trichur on the working of the Regulation, and when all these opinions were received, the Government felt it was necessary to appoint a Committee to consider all the aspects of the proposed amendments and even the personnel of the Committee was decided on by the Government.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—May I know from where the Hon'ble Member for Jenmies got all this information?

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—I applied to the Diwan under Standing Order 72, and I have been supplied by the Government with all the information—with all the papers connected with this matter. The Government have stated on the floor of this House that they have supplied me with all the papers in answer to the questions of this very questioning Hon'ble Member. The very Hon'ble Member has complained in this House times without number that papers have been supplied to me for drafting the Bill. What is the danger in this procedure? The Government was about to appoint a committee to go into this

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